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Letter dated 7 September 2007 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a note verbale dated 27 August 2007 (see annex) that has been sent by the United States Mission to the United Nations to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations as a response to the note verbale from the latter NV. 5063, dated 24 July 2007 (A/AC.154/382). I request that you circulate the attached diplomatic note as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

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Annex to the letter dated 7 September 2007 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale of 24 July 2007 (A/AC.154/382), concerning the denial of permission requested by two Cuban diplomats to travel beyond the 25-mile radius from Columbus Circle, New York, New York, to attend an informal meeting of the Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, held at Princeton University from 11 to 14 June 2007.

The issue regarding granting permission to individuals to travel in order to attend events that are not official United Nations meetings, including the informal meeting held at Princeton referred to in the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, has arisen in previous years. While the host country does evaluate each travel request individually, the United States Mission to the United Nations directs the attention of the Permanent Mission of Cuba again to the host country's diplomatic note of 6 July (A/AC.154/378), as well as to statements in the Committee on Relations with the Host Country regarding the Princeton meeting and our previous statements pertaining to the general issue of host country-imposed travel restrictions.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.